Licence Production of Jet Trainer Aircraft

3108. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to licence produce a foreign aircraft as the new advanced jet trainer aircraft for the Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Government is considering the induction of an advanced jet trainer into the I.A.F. and the question of its licence production in India. It would not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Increase in capacity of Telephone Exchanges

3109. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government propose to expand the capacity of telehone Lines in Teplehone Exchnges in the trans yamuna area of Delhi in the future; if so what are the details thereof exchange-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Yes, Sir.

A 15,000 lines Electronics Exchange is expected to be commissioned by March 1987 at Laxmi Nagar in Trans-Yamuna Area. An expansion of this exchange from 15,000 lines to 20,000 lines is also planned during 1987-88. Another electronic exchange of 9000 lines capacity is also planned a Laxmi Nagar during this plan period.

STD Facilities in towns in Andhra Pradesh

3110. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of towns in Andhra Pradesh which are under consideration for providing STD facility; and

(b) by when STD facilities is likely to be provided at those places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) At present 50 towns in Andhra Pradesh are already having STD facilities. 16 more towns of Anndhra Pradesh have been proposed for providing STD facilities.

(b) STD facility to these towns is likely to be provided by the end of 7th Plan period subject to availabiliy of equipment.

Gas turbine generator at basin bridge power house

3111. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that clearance for investment for installation of the Gas Turbine Generators at Basin Bridge Power House is pending before the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) and (b) Department of Power had recommended the Project for Gas Turbine Generators (4x30 MW) to Planning Commission in January, 1986 subject to the confirmation of availability of fuel oil by Ministry of Pertoleum and Natural Gas. Petroleum fuels required for the Project have yet not been tied up by the Departments of Power and Petroleum.

(c) The investment approval would be processed as soon as confirmation for sustained availability of fuels is confirmed by the concerned Departments.